

Work Safe... Drive Safe

Shorter days mixed with cooler evenings and mornings certainly mean that Fall is in the air! Autumn is perhaps one of the most beautiful times of the year, but along with the changing of the leaves comes changes in driving conditions.

Remember, those orange and yellow leaves can be a driving hazard on the road as many times they are wet and will reduce traction.

Also remember that we lose a minute of light each day until we set the clocks back in October. Less light makes it harder to see pedestrians, and children playing in the late-afternoon.

And you probably don't need a reminder that dipping night time temperatures can bring frost not only to your windshield, but to the road as well. Keep alert for shaded areas that could create problem areas in the early morning and evening hours.

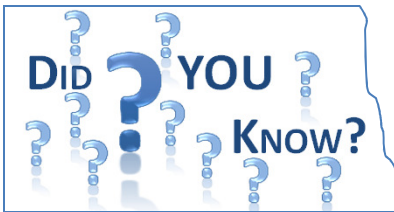
As always, buckle up as you head out to enjoy what fall has to offer. Be safe!

FACTS. FIGURES.

Crashes	1/1/11 to 9/17/11	1/1/12 to 9/17/12	Increase/Decrease
Fatal Crashes	81	95	+14
Fatal Victims	88	108	+20
Alcohol Related Fatal Crashes	29	46	+17
Alcohol Related Fatal Victims	34	53	+19

Source: NDHP

Safety Belt Usage of Fatal Victims	1/1/11 to 9/17/11	1/1/12 to 9/17/12
Wearing Safety Belts	17	28
Not Wearing Safety Belts	45	58
Usage Unknown	3	1
Usage Not Applicable	23	21



Did you know...

In 2011, nine pedestrians were killed in motor vehicle crashes? October had the highest number of pedestrian-motor vehicle crashes. -Source: ND Crash Summary for 2011



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